In The Specification:

Page 7, replace the first paragraph with a new paragraph as follows:

-- When ~~During~~ a return stroke begins, the openings 14 are sealed by the diaphragm 16 or 18 so that the gas, which has entered through the inlet opening 5, becomes compressed and after reaching a predetermined pressure, lifts the diaphragm 16 or 18 and is expelled through the openings 14. During the return stroke, the diaphragm 16 or 18 is lifted due to the pressure difference in the swept volume 1, in which underpressure prevails, and in an operational volume 26 of the piston 3, whereby a pressure equilibrium is obtained. The generated magnetic forces provide for a predetermined pressure difference that would insure a reliable adherence of the diaphragm 16 (18) and, thereby, a reliably sealing of the openings 14. --.